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**Mr. Harry J. Kennedy**  
**President**  
**Western Petroleum Refiners Association**  
**1420 Hunt Building**  
**Tulsa 3, Oklahoma**

**Dear Mr. Kennedy:**

**Thank you for your letter of 13 February,**  
**inviting Mr. Dulles or myself to address the**  
**Western Petroleum Refiners Association in**  
**March at its forty-sixth annual meeting.**

**Unfortunately both of us must decline**  
**your kind invitation. Being a Texan, I am**  
**always on the lookout for a good excuse to**  
**visit my native State, so I particularly regret**  
**having to forego this opportunity to meet you**  
**and the other members of your Association.**

**With kindest regards,**

**Sincerely,**

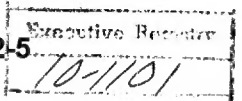
**C. P. Cabell**  
**Lieutenant General, USAF**  
**Deputy Director**

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HARRY J. KENNEDY, PRESIDENT  
BOX 2197  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

February 13, 1958

Mr. Allan Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 "E" Street NW  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Western Petroleum Refiners Association will convene for its forty sixth annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on March 24, 25, and 26, 1958.

This association is the oldest oil industry association in the United States, having been organized in 1912. Our roster of members includes most of the refining companies operating in this country. This meeting is attended by some 1,500 refining executives from the United States and Canada.

It is our practice to seek featured speakers from outside our industry to discuss topical subjects. It is my sincere hope and that of our program committee that either you or your deputy, Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell, would find it possible to appear at our general session on March 25th.

A member of our staff is a former employee of your agency and is a personal friend of Mr. Paul Howerton.

We hope that a favorable reply will be forthcoming. We will be deeply honored to have you or Lieutenant General Cabell speak. The topic is open to your choice, however, it is suggested that comments on world affairs as they affect U.S. security and particularly the U.S. oil industry would be most appropriate. In your reply, please designate if this date is suited to your schedule. If not, would March 26th be suitable? We would also like to know the member of your staff with whom further negotiations should be directed.

Very sincerely yours,

HJK-GRL